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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER The week was slightly warmer than normal, with highest temperatures in the low 70s Saturday over the eastern portion of the State. There was much sunshine and little wind for the season of the year. Moderate to heavy rains fell over the southeastern corner of the State, but there was very little precipitation elsewhere.

CROPS Wheat, especially that which came up in time, received great benefit from the heavy snow which fell earlier this month and has started to green up. The present outlook for this wheat is very good. Reports are still conflicting as to the outcome of the late sown wheat, some indicating that such wheat may be good enough to leave for harvest, while other reports indicate considerable uncertainty as to its outcome. The soil moisture situation has been excellent for such wheat since the snow and if it was not damaged previously, such wheat should grow now under the favorable weather conditions.

Farm work is backward because of the wet soil conditions. In extreme northern and northwestern Nebraska where the snowfall was lighter, some field work has started. In other sections of the State, reports indicate that field work may not be started before the close of this week and in other places a week later. However, this will depend on the amount of sunshine and wind received. It is apparent that some of the soils have dried out at a more rapid rate than was expected. Some roads have dried considerably, while others are still impassable.

The rain and snow during the past three weeks have improved the soil moisture supply, although some moisture was lost from run-off. Reports from southeastern Nebraska indicate there is still some frost in the ground. Reports from northeastern Nebraska state that frost is coming out of the ground rapidly. In most of the western areas, snowfall was lighter and the soil drier so that the run-off was light. Pastures, wild hay, and tame hay will receive great benefit from the rain and snow.

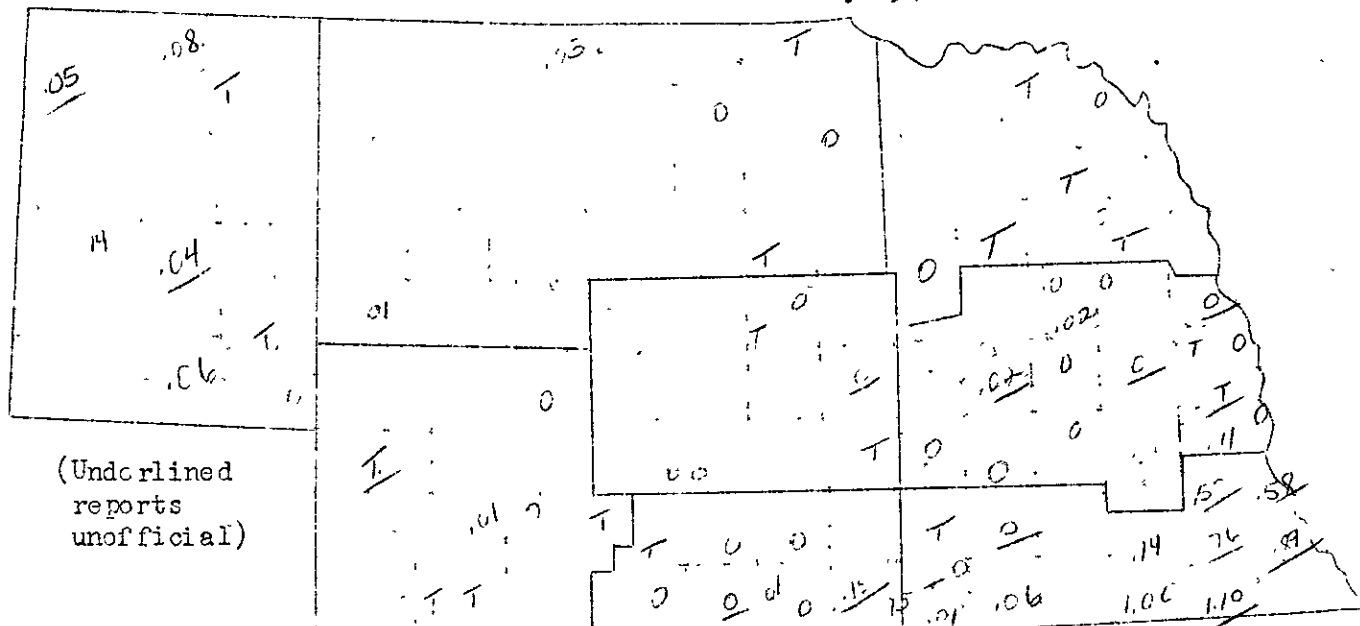
LIVESTOCK Many of the feed lots are still muddy. Muddy roads and the packing house strike have prevented the normal marketing of livestock, especially heavy hogs. There is scattered, but some increasing interest in late spring pigs, some buying of brood sows. Baby chick sales have been slow and whatever demand may come will be late. The present outlook is for early pasture if warm weather continues. It appears that most of the counties will have a surplus of hay and forage, but some shortages are reported. Some shortages of grain and concentrates are also reported.

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WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 22, 1948.

<u>Eastern Division</u>		<u>Central Division</u>		<u>Western Division</u>	
Grand Island	0	Burwell	0	Chadron	.05
Lincoln	.01	North Platte	0	Hayes Center	0
Norfolk	0	Valentine	.18	Scottsbluff	.19
Omaha	0			Sidney	.07
Sioux City	0				

# PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 20, 1948



## HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURES (For 24 hours ending 6:30 a.m.)

		March		17th		18th		19th		20th		21st		22nd	
		16th		Max		Max		Max		Max		Max		Max	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	40	29	45	24	52	34	57	32	60	27	42	22	47	30
	Socetsbluff	36	25	46	27	54	33	54	30	59	27	52	19	43	30
	Sidney	45	30	45	27	55	28	60	26	58	25	58	21	44	24
N-C	Burwell	48	24	41	26	39	--	62	--	63	--	68	29	47	26
	Valentine	42	26	40	23	39	35	60	32	60	35	57	28	48	29
NE	Norfolk	44	27	40	25	39	36	55	35	56	35	65	32	47	23
	Sioux City	43	28	41	25	42	34	56	34	46	33	65	34	44	26
Cen.	Grand Island	44	28	42	27	40	34	53	35	65	40	68	33	47	26
E-C	Lincoln	42	28	38	25	43	38	59	39	62	43	71	38	56	27
	Omaha	40	30	39	24	43	36	55	36	50	31	72	37	47	26
SW	Hayes Center	50	30	45	27	41	31	58	36	63	34	70	30	49	24
	North Platte	46	29	45	25	40	27	56	33	62	33	70	29	49	23

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